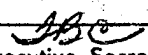


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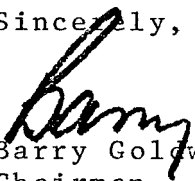
Mr. William J. Casey
 Director
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 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

Earlier this month, Senator Biden wrote to me and asked if the Committee could address "some of the intelligence questions raised by the difficult situation in El Salvador." I thought that this would be a good idea, and responded as such. Copies of our correspondences are enclosed for your information.

The purpose of this letter is to officially invite you or your representative to testify before the full Committee at 10:00 o'clock on the morning of February 25, 1982, in Room S-407 of the Capitol. We very much appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,


 Barry Goldwater
 Chairman

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February 12, 1982

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Joe:

Thank you for contacting me regarding hearings on El Salvador.

It seems to me that this is a very pertinent subject for our Committee to consider, especially with regard to the adequacy of U.S. intelligence programs to support U.S. policymakers. As far as certification is concerned, this may be something that the Foreign Relations Committee is better able to consider, but I suppose there is no harm in asking some questions.

Joe, I had told Rob to set these hearings up for yesterday's date, even though I would not be able to attend. Now I hear that the last week of the month is better for the witnesses. As you know, Wednesday will be a busy day for the Committee, but we should be able to get time on Tuesday or Thursday of that week.

I look forward to hearing from Casey on this matter. The intelligence from Central America has to be first rate, or our policies there are sure to fail.

Sincerely, .

Barry Goldwater
Chairman

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The Honorable Barry Goldwater
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Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Barry:

It has been several months now since the Committee has formally addressed some of the intelligence questions raised by the difficult situation in El Salvador. Among the questions are the current status of the guerrilla insurgency, the nature of the arms flow from external sources, the adequacy of U.S. intelligence programs to support U.S. policymakers and certification requirements under the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1981, and the nature of Salvadoran public opinion just prior to the March elections.

I would like to suggest that the Committee have a hearing on these issues with relevant officials from the intelligence agencies sometime prior to the Lincoln's Birthday recess.

Yours sincerely,

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Joseph R. Biden, Jr.